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PINE NEEDLE

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June Level, M.D.





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THE SENIORS OF '54

PINE LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL,

PINE LEVEL, NORTH CAROLINA

THE SCHOOL BOARD



Left to Right: Street Jones, Jr., C. W. Strickland, W. B. Oliver, Chairman, Wilbert Woodard, and Jimmy Stallings.



DEDICATION

We, the Seniors of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Four, dedicate the Pine Needle of '54 to Mr. W. B. Oliver. Mr. Oliver is a Merchant, School Board Chairman, and outstanding citizen of our community. We couldn't even begin to tell of the many things which he has done to benefit our school. It is with the deepest respect and affection that we publish this book in his honor.

STAFF



Editor

WARREN WHITE

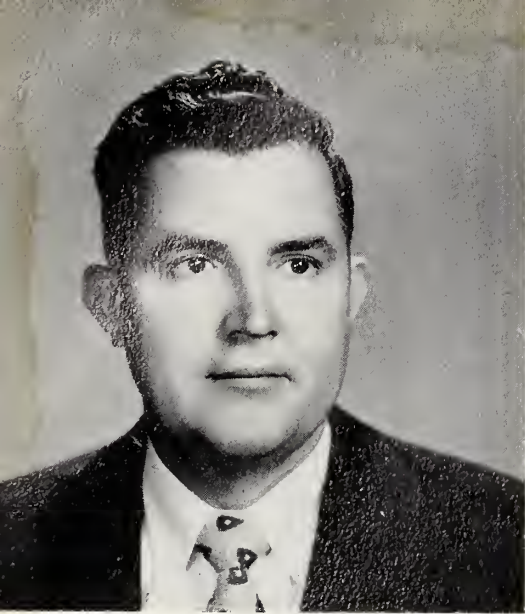
Business Manager

PATSY WALTERS

OF THE 1954 PINE NEEDLE



Left to Right, Standing. Shelba Creech, Jerry Strickland, Wayne Watson, Jean Avery, Dorothy Edwards, Miss Ella Mae Starling, Danny Barber. Seated: Nettie Hansley, Benny Parker, Joe Watson, Robert Wilkins, Henry Woodard, Patsy Walters, Warren White, Frank Taylor, Curtis Price, Janie Tyner, Janice Overbee, Rupert Peedin, and Billy Strickland.



Principal, CLYDE MOZINGO
Wake Forest College, B.S.
University of North Carolina, M.A.

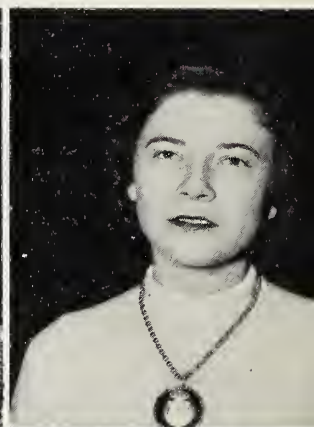
FACULTY

It is the teachers who have made the character and conscience of America what it is today. It is they who will continue to implant ethics, decency, character, and a determination to do the very best. They have made America what it is and must continue to be.



MISS ELLA MAE STARLING
Wake Forest College, A.B.

MISS FRANCES MARIE WHITE
Woman's College, U.N.C., B.S., S.A.



MRS. CORNELIA P. CROCKER
Woman's College, U.N.C., B.S.

MR. BOBBY R. STOTT
Atlantic Christian College, B.S.





SENIORS



CLASS OFFICERS

President Warren White
 Vice-President Benny Parker
 Secretary-Treasurer Shelba Creech

MASCOTS

Bobbie Creech

Don Starling

Class Colors: Blue and White.

Class Flower: Rose.

Class Motto:

"The others flee when no one pursueth,
 but we are as bold as a lion."





JEAN FAYE AVERY

"Jeanie"

*"Light hair, rosy cheeks,
She is one who seldom speaks."*

Class Off. 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Commercial Club 3; Library Club 4; Pine Needle Staff 4.

DANNY HUGH BARBER

"Q-Ball"

"I take life as it comes and I enjoy it."

Glee Club 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pine Needle Staff 4; Pine Burr Staff 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Monogram Club 3, 4.



SHELBA JEAN CREECH

"Creepy"

"The way to have a friend is to be one."

Class Off. 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Commercial Club 3; Library Club 4; Pine Needle Staff 4; Monogram Club 4; Student Assn. 3.

DOROTHY JEAN EDWARDS

"Dot"

"A jolly unselfish personality is a great gift to all."

4-H Club 1; Glee Club 4; Commercial Club 3; Library Club 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Annual Staff 4.

NETTIE AVA HANSLEY

"Nut"

"She's cute, you can see, and gay as can be."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Pine Needle 3; Asst. Business Mgr. 4; Pine Burr 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; F.T.A. Club 3, 4 Off.; Student Council 1, 2; Class Off. 1.

THOMAS EDWARD HOLLOMAN

"Tom"

"Don't worry, have your fun while you can still travel."

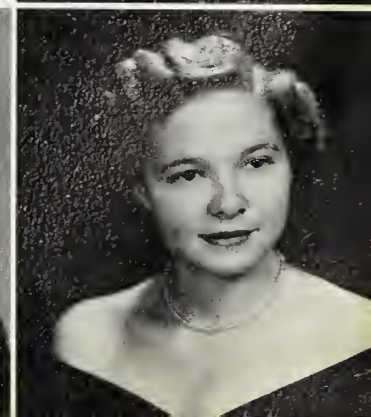
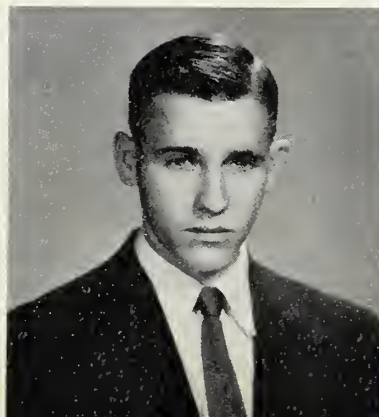
4-H Club 1, 2; Military Club 3, 4; Color Guard 2; Pine Burr Staff 4; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Pine Needle Staff 4.

JANICE JOSEPHINE OVERBEE

"Permanent"

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."

4-H Club 1; Glee Club 4; Commercial Club 3; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Library Club 4; Pine Needle Staff 4.





BENJAMIN BLANCO PARKER

"Jet"

*"To worry little, to study less,
This is my idea of happiness."*

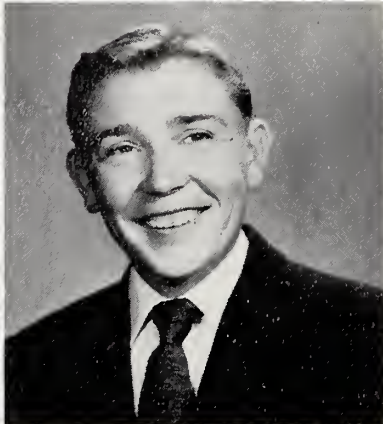
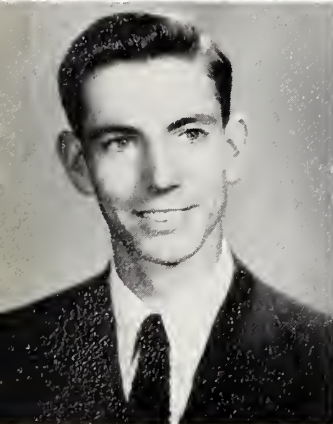
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RUPERT EUGENE PEEDIN

"Rupe"

*"To him, no high, no low, no great, no small;
He fills, he bounds, connects and equals all."*

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3; Pine Burr Staff 4; Pine Needle Staff 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4.



RALPH-LEE CURTIS PRICE, JR.

"Ducey"

*"This friendly boy with dark hair
Possesses traits that are very rare."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2 Off, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Assn. 2; Pine Needle Staff 4; Pine Burr Staff 4; Bus Driver 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Off. 2; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4.

BILLY YOUNG STRICKLAND

"Bill"

"Content to live, this is my story."

Glee Club 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Military Club 4; Wild Life Club 3; Pine Needle Staff 4; Pine Burr Staff 4; Color Guard 2, 3, 4.

JERRY WESLEY STRICKLAND

"Strick"

*"I never let studying interfere with my
education."*

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Pine Needle Staff 3, 4; Pine Burr Staff 4.

DEWEY FRANKLIN TAYLOR

"Snow"

*"Take it easy, have your fun,
Let the old world flicker on."*

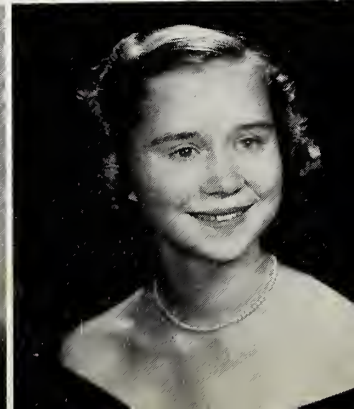
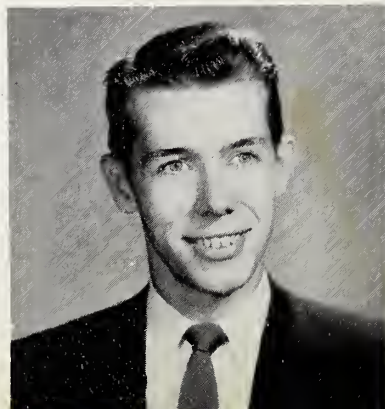
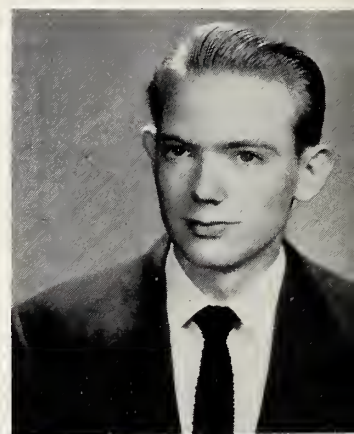
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JANIE PEARL TYNER

"Janie"

"The unspoken word never does harm."

4-H Club 1, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Commercial Club 4; Library Club 4; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Pine Needle Staff 4.

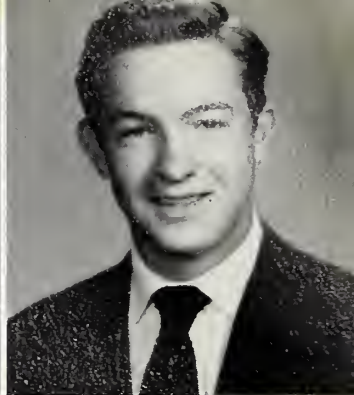


MARY PATRICIA WALTERS

"Patsy"

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."

Student Council 1, Off. 2; F.T.A. Club 3, 4; President Monogram Club 3, Off. 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, Chief 4; Pine Needle Staff 1, 2, 3, Business Manager 4; Essay Contest 2, 3; Lion's Club Award 1; Best All Around Girl 2; American Legion Award 3; Woodman of World Award 3; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Marshal 1, 2, Chief 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pine Burr 4; Class Off. 1.



JOSEPH ROGERS WATSON

"Jody"

"Light-haired, funny, always gay."

Class Off. 1; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Wild Life Club Off. 3; Military Club 4; Student Assn. 1; Pine Burr Staff 4; Pine Needle Staff 4; Monogram Club 4; Color Guard 2, 3, 4.

SIMON WAYNE WATSON

"Simon"

"I live today, and let tomorrow take care of itself."

Baseball 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Military Club 4; Wild Life Club 3; Pine Needle Staff 3, 4; Pine Burr Staff 4; Monogram Club 3; Color Guard 2, 3, 4.



WARREN KEITH WHITE

"Mug"

"In his popularity he will soon become more powerful than power itself."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 1, 4; Monogram Club 3, President 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Hillbilly Weddin' 4; Color Guard 1, 2; Pine Burr Staff 4; Pine Needle Staff 4, Editor 4; Student Assn. 2, Off. 3; Class President 2, 4; Best All Around Boy 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT EARL WILKINS

"Rocket"

"Saying and doing are two different things."

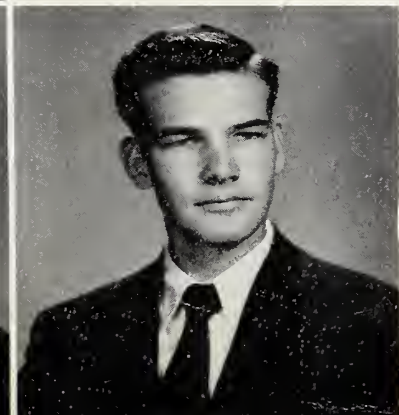
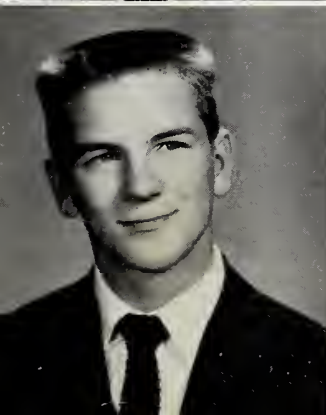
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HENRY WOODARD, JR.

"Hank"

"Why should I study as long as I can talk about sports."

4-H Club 2; Baseball 3, 4; Military Club 3, President 4; Pine Needle Staff 4; Pine Burr Staff 4; Monogram Club 4; Quit Your Kidding 3; Color Guard 2, 3, 4.



HISTORY

In 1950 our class entered high school. We had long awaited being called Freshmen. However, we didn't know that we would be called the lowest possible creatures in the world. Instead of just being plain Ol' Freshmen, we were "Green" Freshmen and our homeroom teacher was Mrs. Batchelor. After nine long, fulfilled months we lived down our name and became Sophomores.

As we entered the Sophomore year under the direction of our homeroom director, Mrs. Bobby Stott, several members of the class were on the ball teams, and some of the girls became cheerleaders. Also, a few of the tenth graders were waiters and waitresses at the Junior-Senior that year. It certainly was a fun filled year.

Now we entered the Junior Class. This year held a lot of pleasant memories. We attended the Banquet this year which we, ourselves, sponsored. Next, we went to Washington with the Seniors of '53, and had more fun than can be remembered from any other experience in high school. There is one thing that couldn't be left out of this eleventh year of schooling, and that is, getting our lovely and beloved class rings. After much rejoicing over this and our other activities, we moved to the Twelfth Grade.

Ah! Now we have become Seniors! This has been our goal for the past twelve years. Since we have accomplished this task we are looking forward to our graduation. The Class of 1954 has always worked to receive the credit it has obtained. We have had our faults and shortcomings the same as anyone else, but all in all, we have had fun and as our year comes to an end, we look forward to a long and prosperous future.

CLASS PROPHECY

Let's look into the future now to the year 1964, and observe the class of 1954. As we look in on these men and women, we see several unexpected happenings. Benny Parker, at the ripe old age of 28, is doing a good job of taking care of the W. B. Oliver enterprises, and the respectable position of bank president. Too, there is Nettie Hansley who is going to be an old maid if Vance doesn't soon save enough money for a ring. Hey, there goes Speedy Wayne Watson around the far turn in his 88 Oldsmobile; it looks like he is going to come in first place again in the annual Pine Level Nascar race. Curtis Price is trying to get rich fast and support his five kids on the farm. Patsy Walters is wondering whether it is better to be a doctor's wife, concentrate on the Army or go on with her work as a Technician. Shelvie finally graduated and Jerry seems contented just farming. Warren White decided to establish his office back in Pine Level, after he became a doctor, and to concentrate on something he remembers from about ten years past. Rochelle Baker is still happily married and is still living here in Pine Level. Billy Rackley is still trying to develop that special smile for the girls. Speaking of Billy, there is another Billy in our midst. He is still running around on his little puddle-jumper. Janice Overbee is an unpredictable young lady, but her man is helping take care of her. Janie Tyner's fancy was discharged, and that story ends the way you would expect. Danny Barber is enjoying the roar of the crowd as his curve ball continues to win him fame. Tom Holloman is a fellow who really gets around. After his discharge, he still hasn't settled down. Frank Taylor is happy playing records for the public and well, that's enough. . . . Secrets, you know. Shelba Creech has graduated from King's and is concentrating on her career. Joe Watson is playing professional football and scoring all the TDs. But wait! He wakes up and it's time to start the daily farm chores. Rupert Peedin is peddling pills downtown in the drugstore and seems happy. Hank Woodard is also doing an interesting work as sports editor for The News and Observer. Jean Avery has long been tied by the Holy Vows and is raising a family. Robert Wilkins is now rising in ranks of Dupont Co. Dorothy Edwards is satisfied living quietly with her husband.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Hank Woodard, bequeath my ability to talk my way out of things to George Braswell, hoping that he will utilize it.

I, Jean Avery, bequeath my loud voice to Jean Evans, if she wants to use it.

I, Nettie Hansley, bequeath my easy laughter to Shelva Hinnant, if she needs it.

I, Benny Parker, bequeath my skill of riding horses to Raymond Bailey.

I, Wayne Watson, bequeath my ability (?) of driving a car to anyone who wants to use it.

I, Shelba Creech, bequeath my position as cheerleader to anyone who is lucky enough to be chosen next year.

I, Patsy Walters, bequeath my grades to anyone who needs them.

I, Robert Wilkins, bequeath my height to Charles Stallings.

I, Frank Taylor, bequeath my unused ability to anyone who needs it.

I, Curtis Price, bequeath my ability to give my class ring to girls to Winky Walters.

I, Dorothy Edwards, bequeath my ability to take jokes to any good sport.

I, Janice Overbee, bequeath my friendliness to all high school students.

I, Rupert Peedin, bequeath my ability to be so mean to anyone who can get away with it.

I, Billy Rackley, bequeath my ability to make good grades on tests to Jimmy Brown.

I, Rochelle Baker, bequeath my dark hair to any blonde who would like to have it.

I, Joe Watson, bequeath my 88 to any telephone pole that stops it.

I, Billy Strickland, bequeath my easy driving to Will Crocker.

I, Janie Tyner, bequeath my ability to flirt with Rupert to Lone Jones.

I, Tom Holloman, bequeath my bookkeeping ability to the Junior Class.

I, Danny Barber, bequeath my curve ball to Arnold White if he tries to pitch.

I, Warren White, just leave, period.

SENIOR



Best Looking

*Patsy Walters
Benny Parker*

Friendliest

*Jean Avery
Henry Woodard*



SUPERLATIVES

Most Intellectual

*Patsy Walters
Rupert Peedin*



Wittiest

*Nettie Hansley
Wayne Watson*

SENIOR



Best Dressed

*Shelba Creech
Warren White*

Most Likely to Succeed

*Patsy Walters
Rupert Peedin*



SUPERLATIVES

Most Popular

*Nettie Hansley
Warren White*



Most Dependable

*Jean Avery
Curtis Price*

SENIOR



SUPERLATIVES

Most Athletic

Nettie Hansley
Wayne Watson

Best All-Around

Jean Avery
Benny Parker

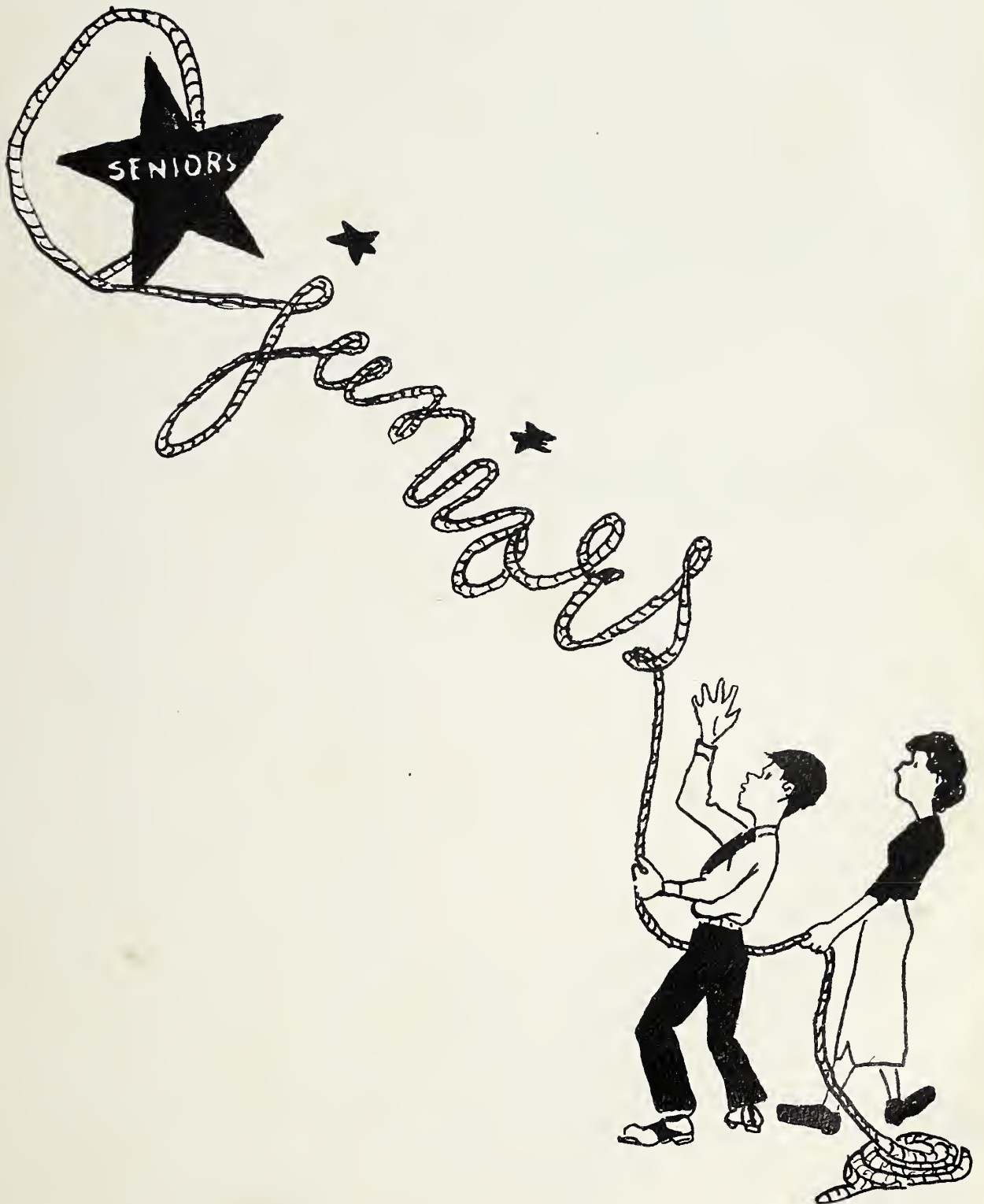


PINE BURR STAFF



WASHINGTON TRIP





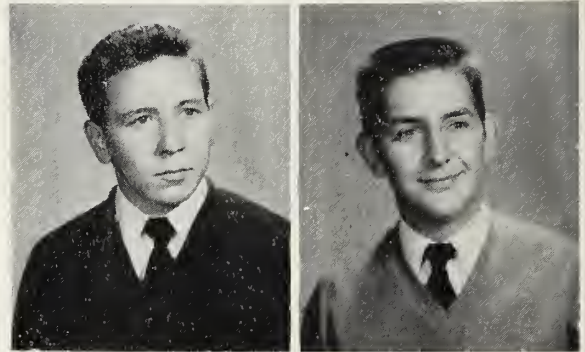
JUNIORS



CLASS OFFICERS

President Arnold White
 Vice-President.....J. C. Jones
 Secretary-Treasurer Janice Creech

Raymond Bailey
 Jack Coltrain



Janice Creech



Betty Crocker
Will Crocker



Mattie Crumpler
Evelyn Eason



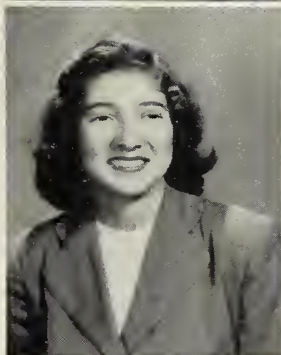
Jean Evans



Faye Grice

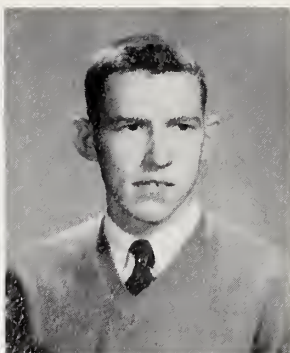


Nell Grice
Shelva Hinnant



J. C. Jones
Dorothy King
Sandra Kornegay





Paul Peedin
Frank Smith



Elizabeth Strickland
Betty Stuckey

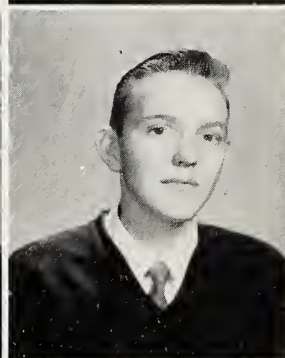
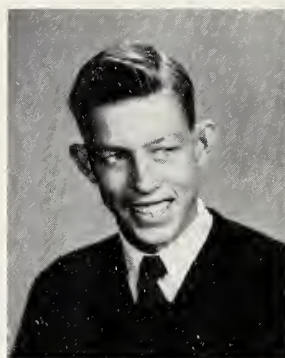


Mavie Thompson

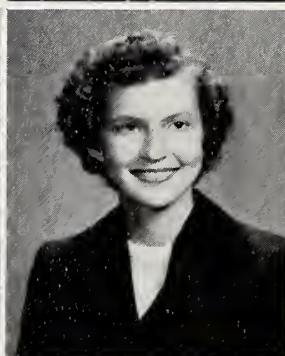
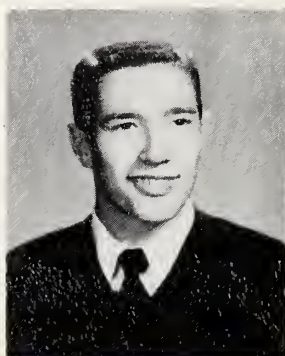
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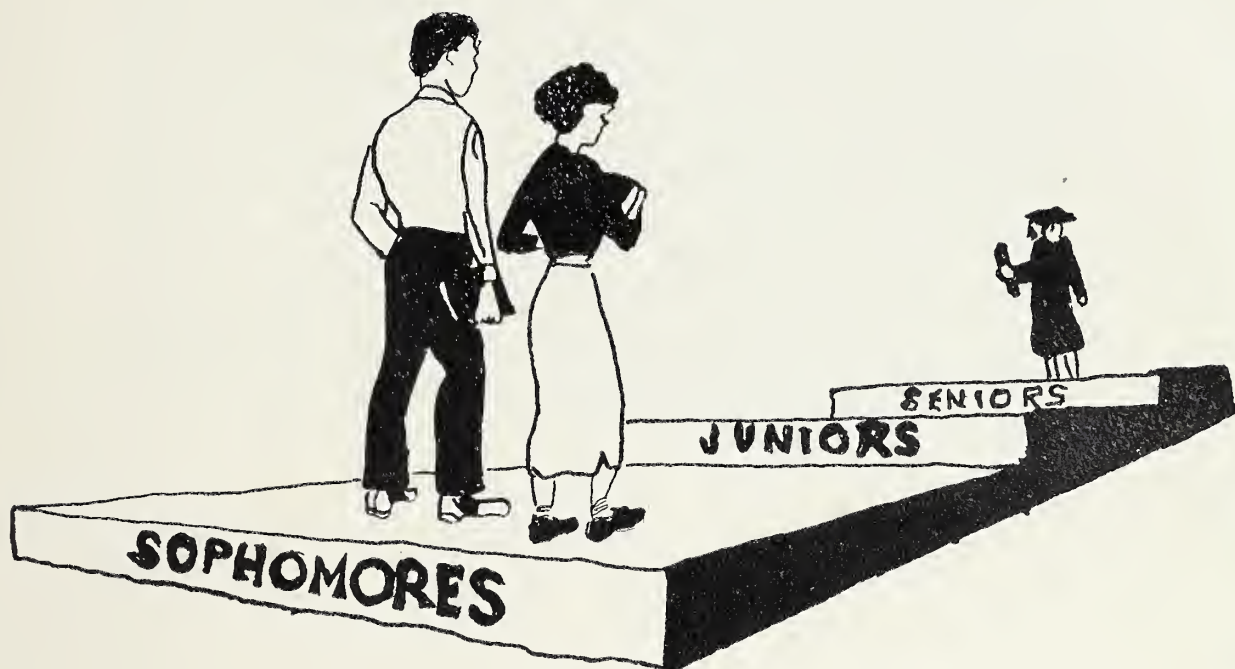


Bobby Thornton
Winky Walters



Arnold White
Janice Woodard
Merle Woodard





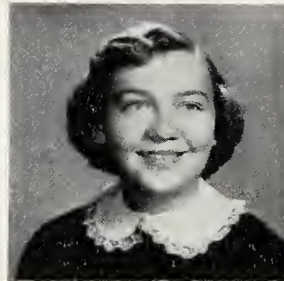
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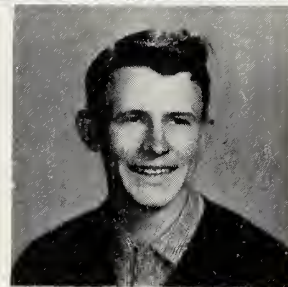
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 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.....Rose White

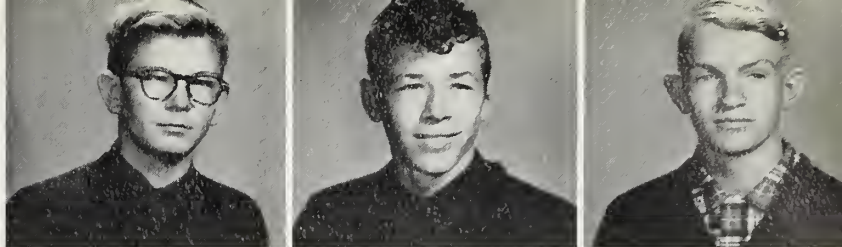
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 Ercell Creech



Samuel Holloman



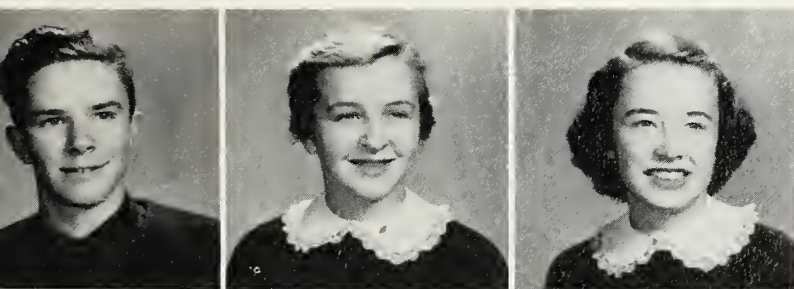
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Charles Darden
J. E. Edwards



Condary Ellis
Walda Godwin
Janice Gower



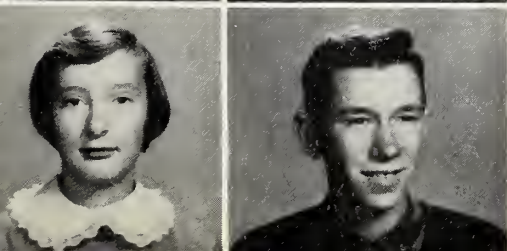
Willard Hinnant
Aileen Holloman
Peggy Holloman



Sherwood House
Ione Jones
Beebe Oliver



Dickie Parker
Barbara Pendergraft
Tootsie Pike



Rose White
Robert Woodard



Nettie Hansley



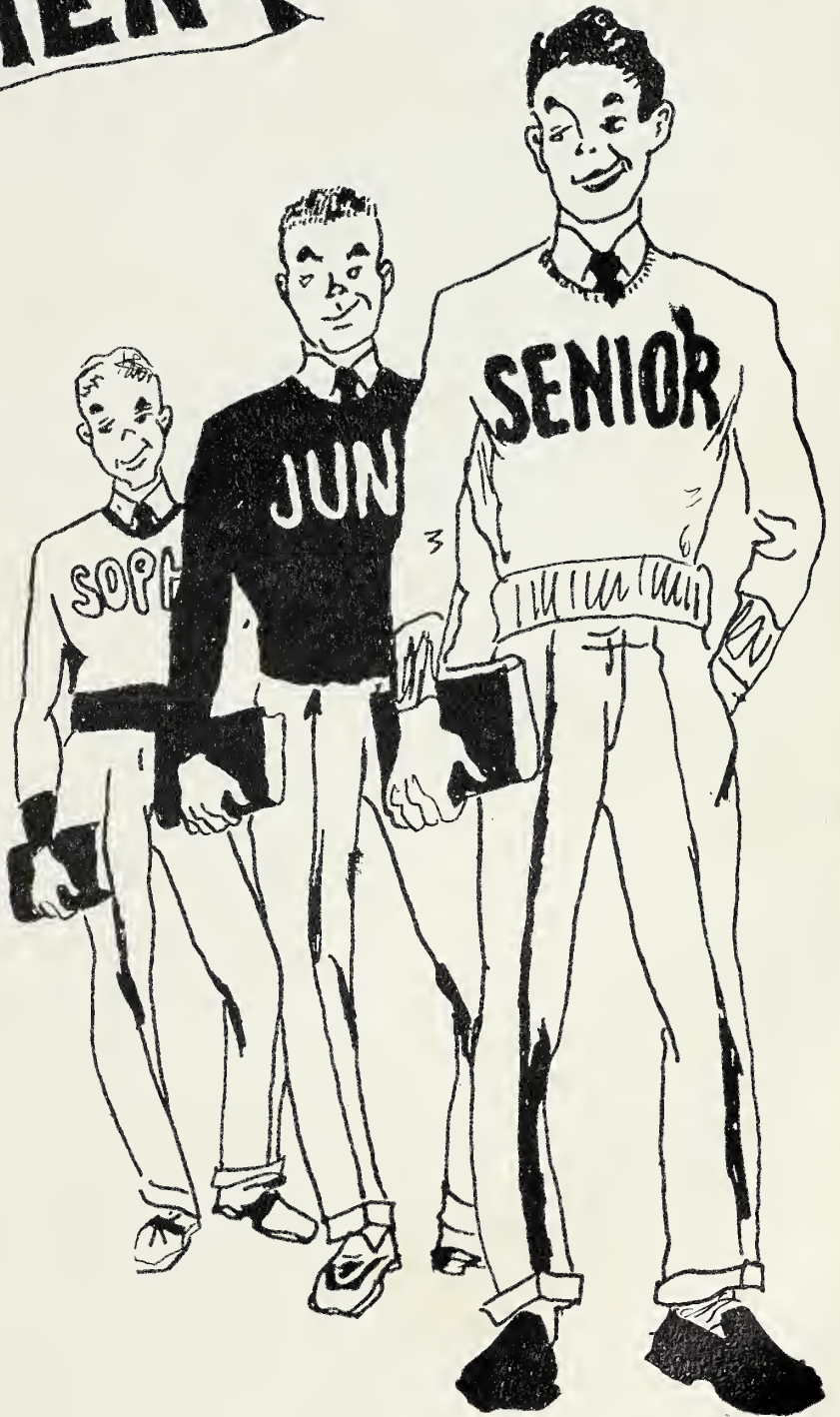
Mr. Clyde Mazingo and Janice Creech

MUSIC CLUB



Left to Right, First Row: Dolores Williams, Cecelia Strickland, Faye Crocker, Carol Creech, Donald Braswell, Brenda Denning, Marie Daughtry, Joyce Howell, Gail Stancil. Second Row: Mrs. J. C. Futrell, Iris Don Herring, Marie Ann Creech, Carol Braswell, Judy Oliver, Glenda Thornton, Jackie Gady, Nellie Rose Creech. Third Row: Nell Crocker, Janice Creech, Phyllis Woodard, Nettie Hansley, Janice Gower, Scottie Batten, Jean Daughtry. Fourth Row: Billie Creech, Shelva Hinnant, Billy Crocker, Etholea Sutton, Jimmy Futrell, Opal Gerald, Ruby Whitley, and Carol Evans.

FRESHMEN



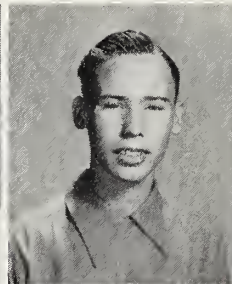
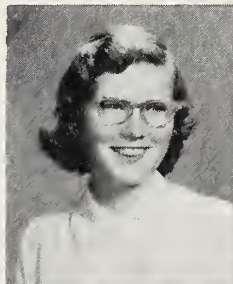
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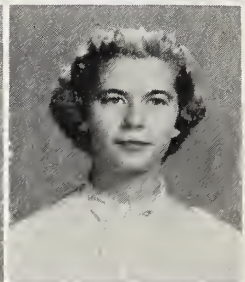
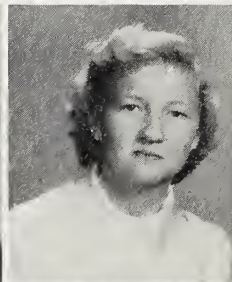
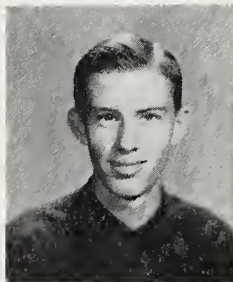
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Secretary-Treasurer	Shelvia Creech

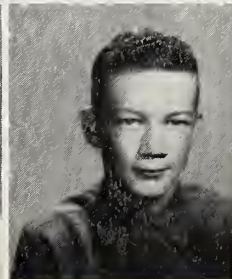
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Norman Braswell



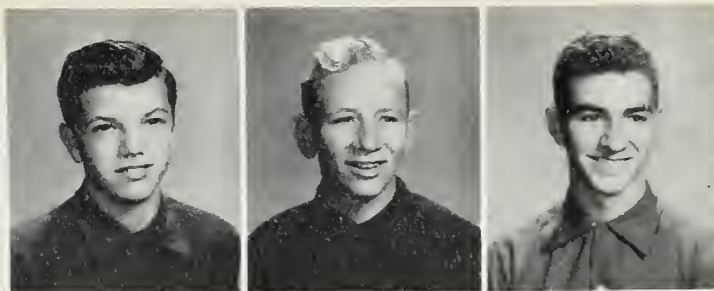
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Katheryn Creech
Phyllis Creech



Shelvia Creech
Shurrill Creech
Mable Dail



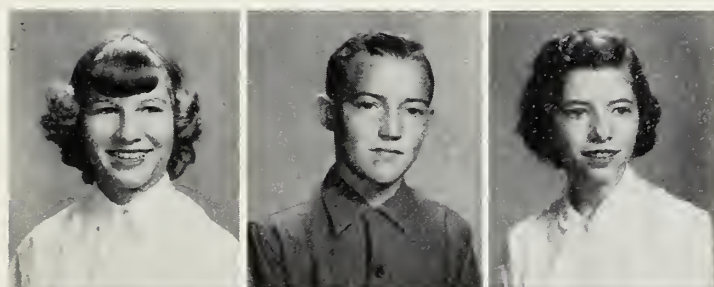
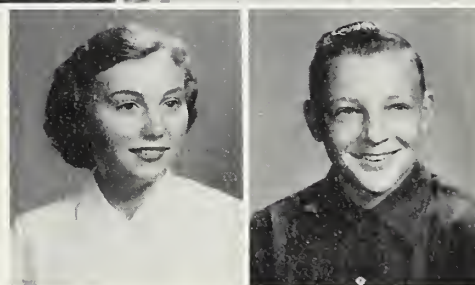
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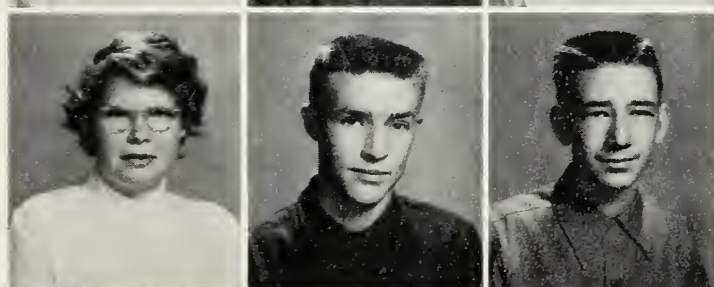
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Betty Peedin
Billy Pittman



Betty Potter
Marvin Renfrow
Zelda Smith



Jo Ann Southard
Charles Stallings
Jimmy Starling



Gwen Strickland
Nettie Tyner
Phyllis Woodard

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EIGHTH GRADE



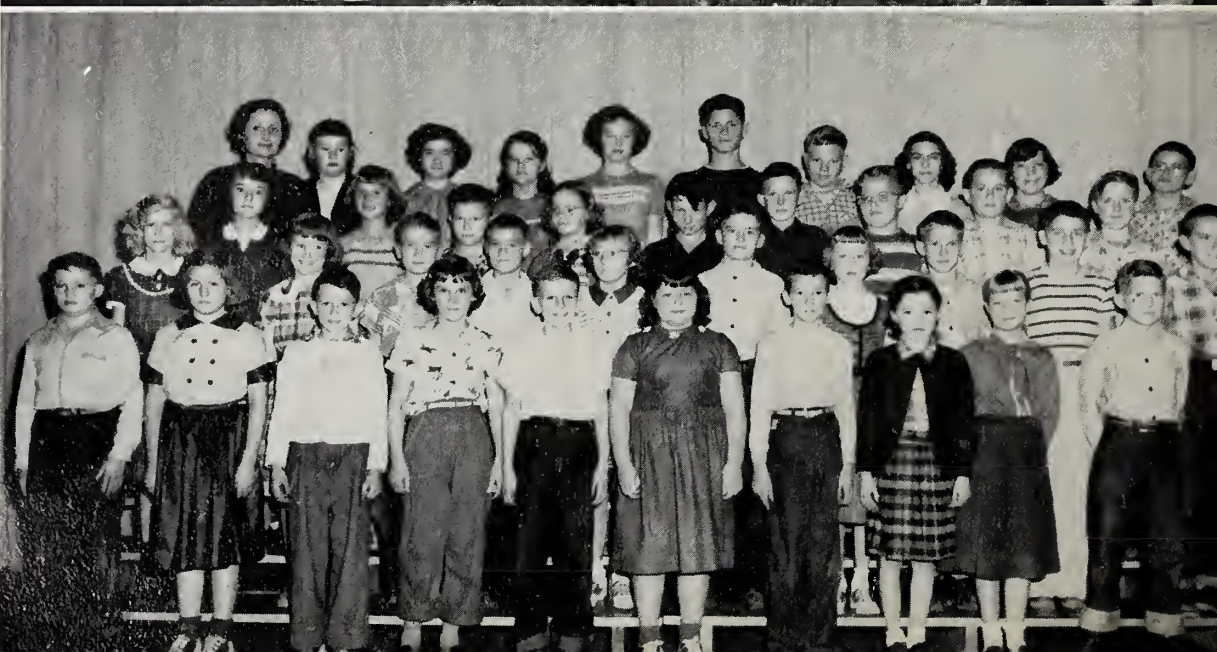
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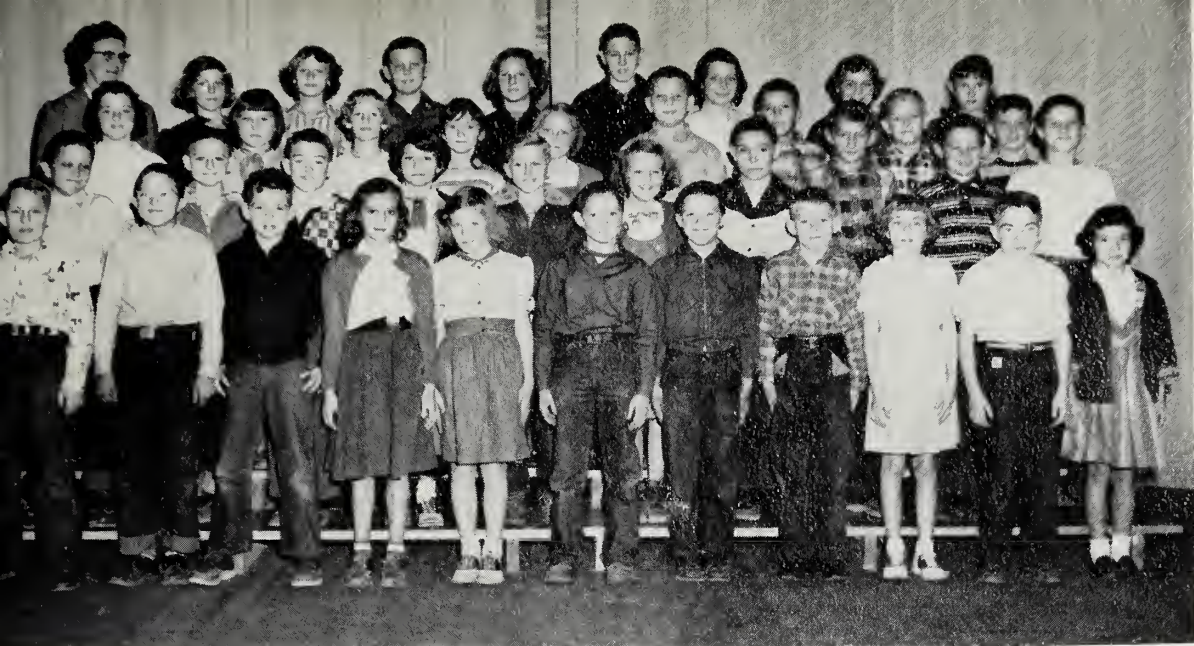
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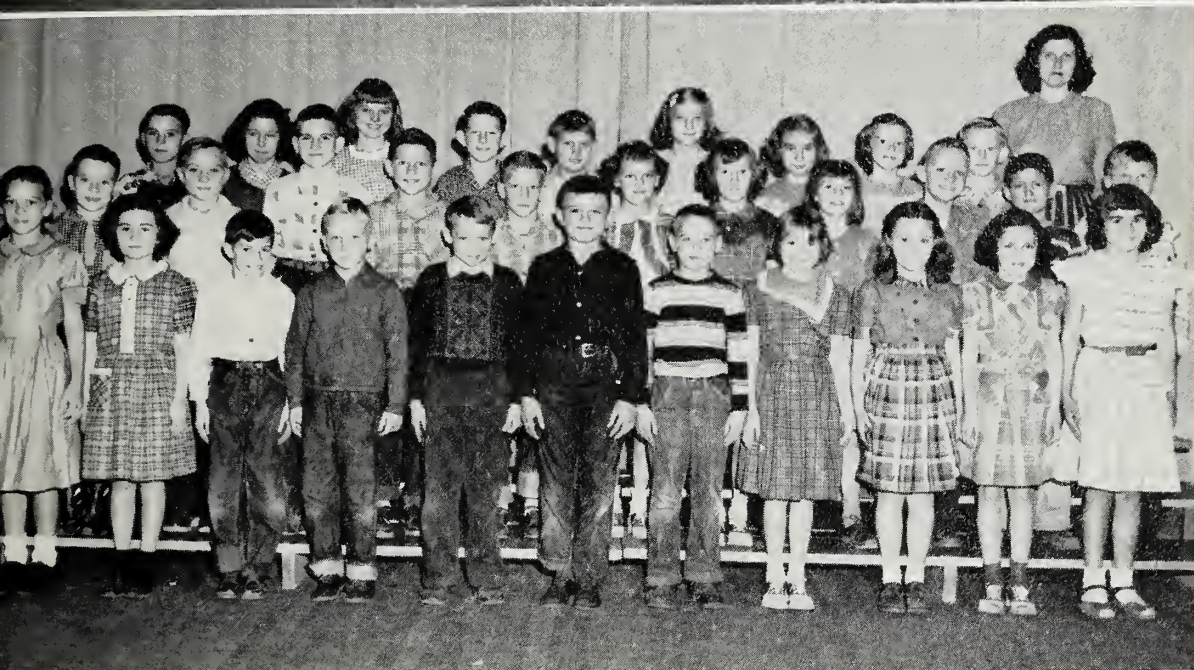
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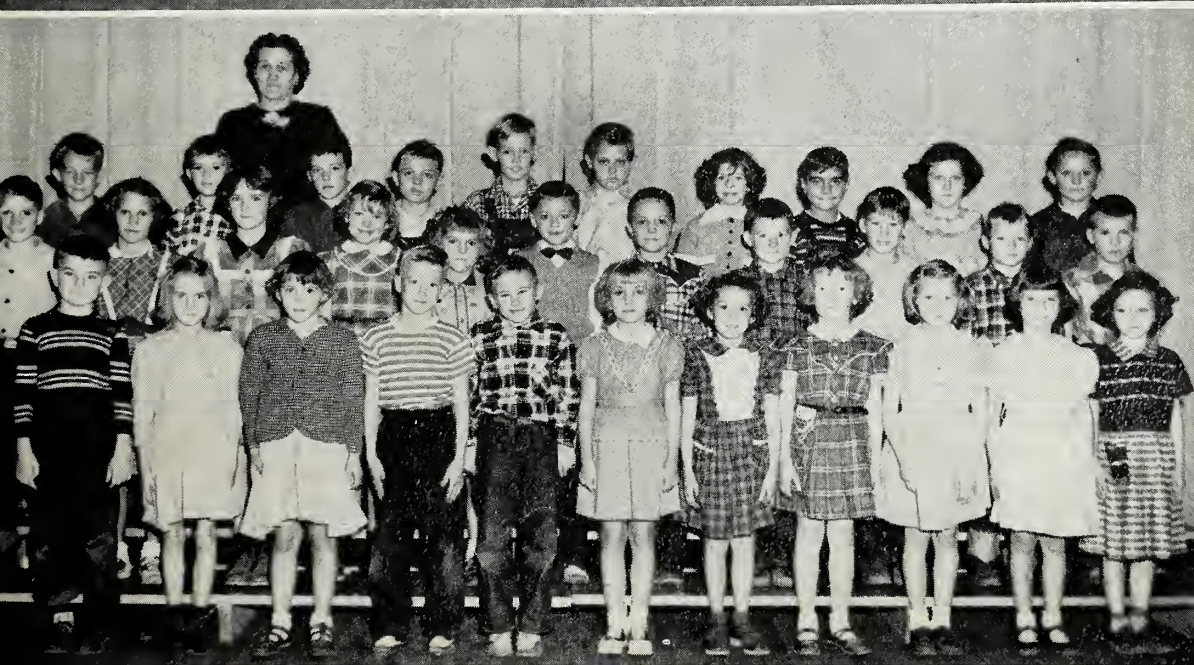
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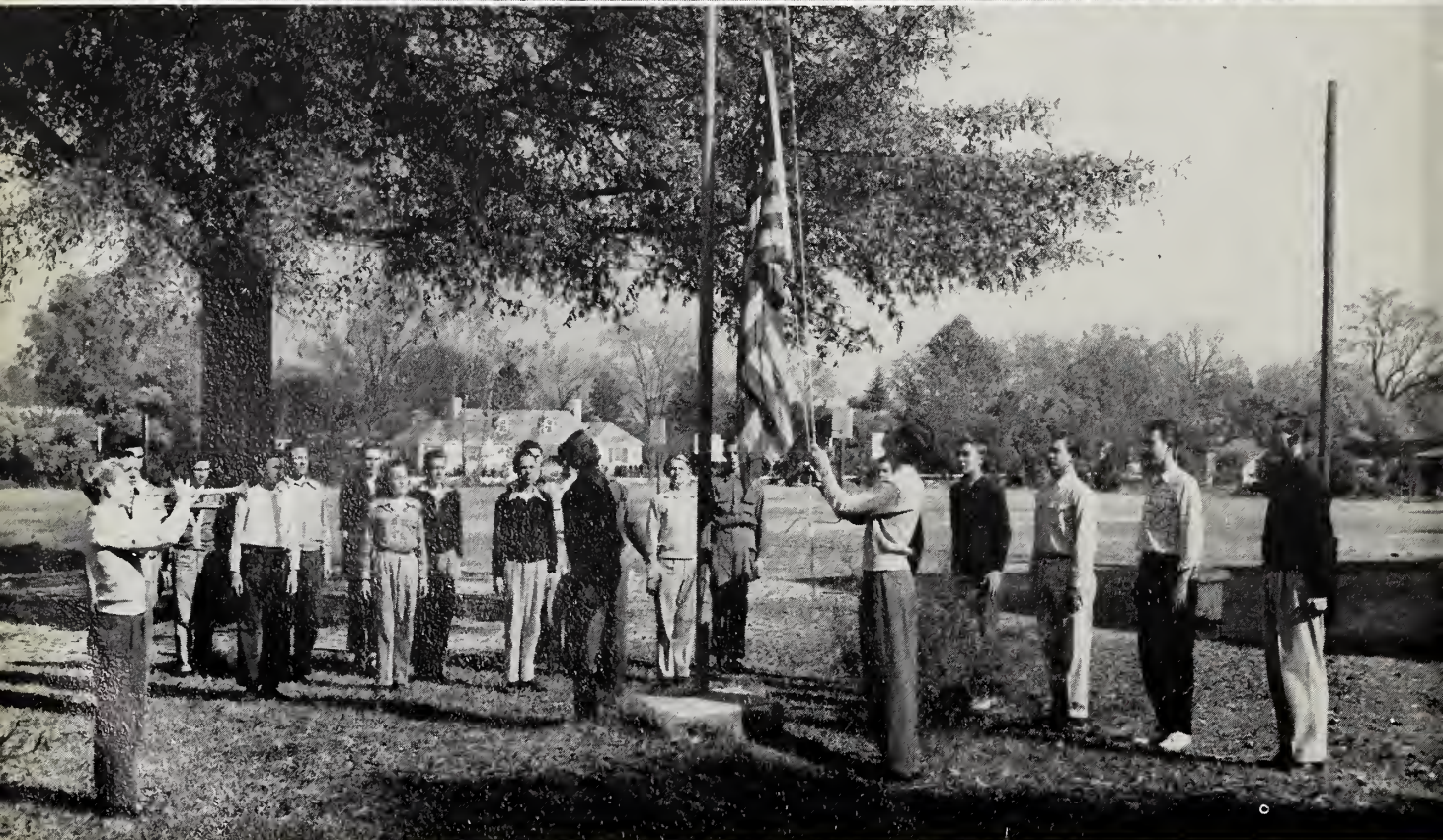


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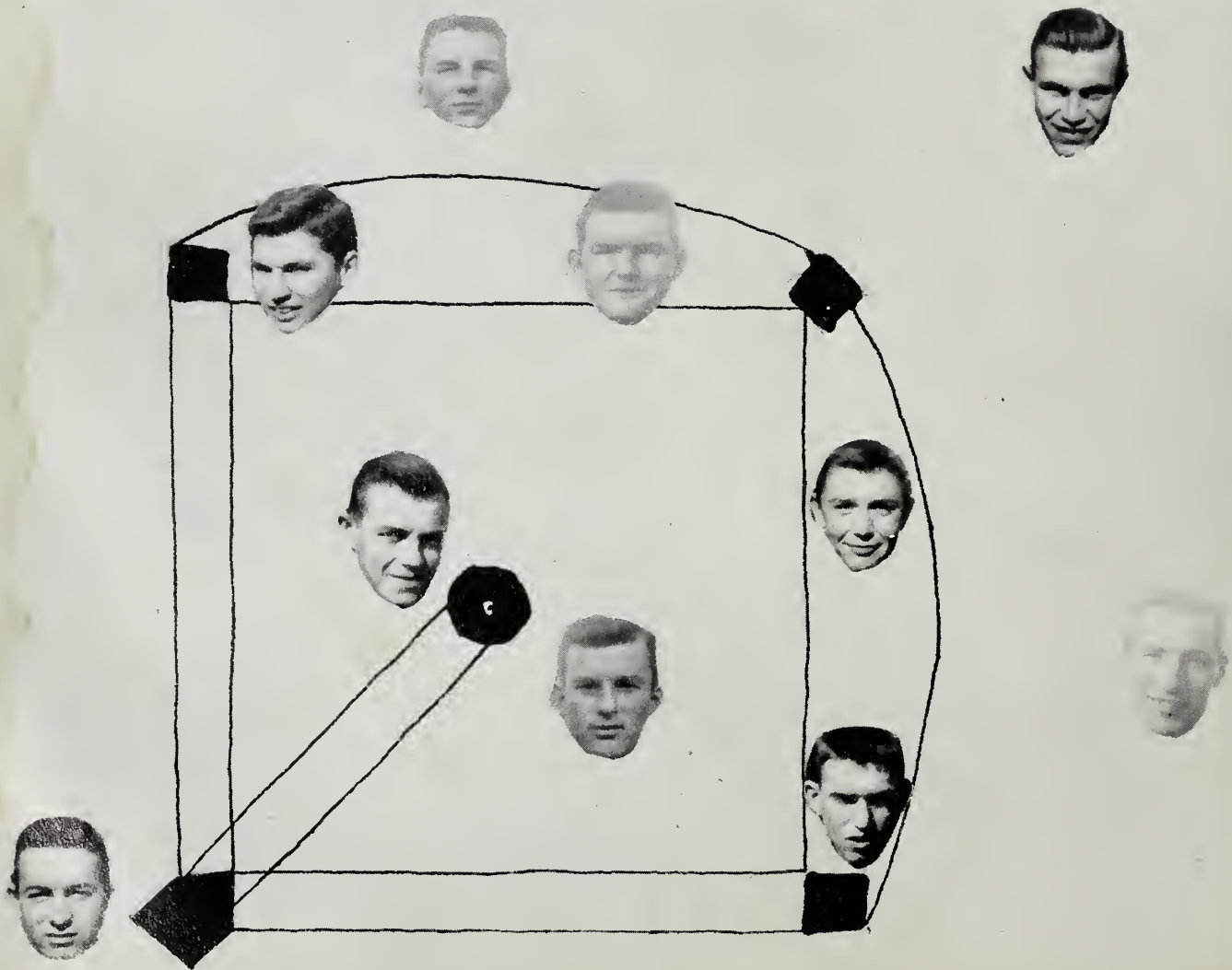


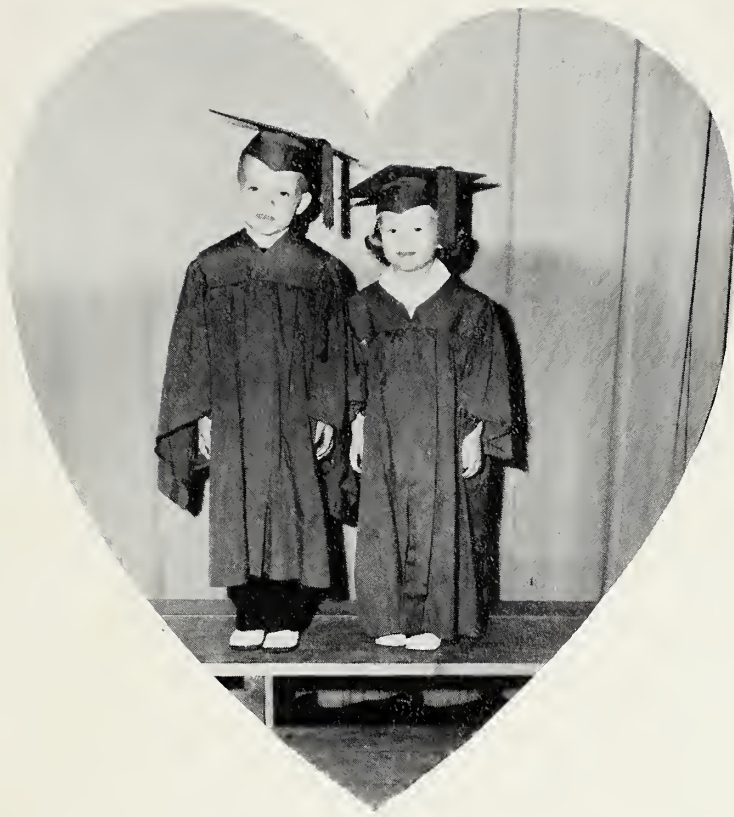












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